

HOUSE BILL 3819

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,
Chapter 15 and Title 3, Chapter 2, Part 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-2-110(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-2-111(b), is amended by deleting the following language:

As of January 2, 2005, upon the completion of all bill filing deadlines each year in both the house and senate of the general assembly, legislation containing a mandated health benefit shall be referred to the fiscal review committee in order that it may evaluate the legislation's potential impact on the cost of health insurance premiums.

and by substituting instead the following language:

Upon the completion of all bill filing deadlines each year in both the house and senate of the general assembly, the fiscal review committee shall evaluate legislation containing a mandated health benefit in order to assess the legislation's potential impact on the cost of health insurance premiums.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-108, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) When a bill is introduced in the general assembly that will impact or potentially impact upon any area within the scope of review of the committee, committee staff, at the direction of the chair, shall identify such bill for review. For purposes of participating in the discussions and comments of the committee, the chair or the chair's designee of the appropriate standing committee shall be notified of the date, time, and

location where the committee will meet to review legislation and such chair or the chair's designee shall become an ex officio member of the committee when such legislation is considered by the committee.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-108, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) In order to efficiently execute the duties set out in this chapter, the committee shall review all bills identified pursuant to subsection (a) and may attach committee comments to such bill prior to its consideration by the appropriate standing committee. The sole purpose of review by the committee shall be to assist the standing committee in its consideration of correction-related legislation by providing appropriate background information on the bill or information concerning the impact of the bill on the correction system. The committee shall make no recommendation concerning the passage of a bill it reviews nor shall it have the authority to prevent the consideration of the bill by the standing committee to which it is referred. The committee's review of all bills identified pursuant to subsection (a) shall be completed and the notification required in subsection (c) returned to the chair of the appropriate standing committee no later than four (4) weeks after a bill covered by the provisions of this section has first been introduced.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-508, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) When a bill is introduced in the general assembly that will impact or potentially impact upon any area within the scope of review of the committee, committee staff, at the direction of the chair, shall identify such bill for review. For purposes of participating in the discussions and comments of the committee, the chair or the chair's designee of the appropriate standing committee shall be notified of the date, time, and location where the committee will meet to review legislation and such chair or the chair's

designee shall become an ex officio member of the committee when such legislation is considered by the committee.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-508, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) In order to efficiently execute the duties set out in this part, the committee shall review all bills identified pursuant to subsection (a), and may attach committee comments to such bill prior to its consideration by the appropriate standing committee. The sole purpose of review by the committee is to assist the standing committee in its consideration of TennCare related legislation by providing appropriate background information on the bill or information concerning the impact of the bill on the TennCare program. The committee shall make no recommendation concerning the passage of a bill it reviews nor shall it have the authority to prevent the consideration of the bill by the standing committee to which it is referred. The committee's review of all bills identified pursuant to subsection (a) shall be completed and the notification required in subsection (c) returned to the chair of the appropriate standing committee no later than four (4) weeks after a bill covered by the provisions of this section has first been introduced.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.